MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2004 File No. 04-031501

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Jenifer Gitchell, SEPA Center Manager

SUBJECT: SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS)

AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to gather information to assist in the review and possible amendment of the policies in DNR's 1992 Forest Resource Plan and for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Proposal location: all state forested trust lands in the State of Washington.

Notice of Public Workshops: Workshops will be held at locations around the state. A complete list is available on the DNR website at the address listed below.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold determination, Scoping Notice, Public Workshop schedule and supporting documentation can be viewed on DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on March 15, 2004. We will consider comments on this proposed Scoping Notice received by 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2004. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@wadnr.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.